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PORTER & COATES will publish, on the 14th inst., "The Buried Treasure; or, Old Jordan's Haunt" (which will be the first volume of "The Boy Trapper Series"), by Harry Castlemon, and later in the month a new edition, from entirely new stereotype plates, of "The Travels and Adventures of Baron Münchhausen," with six illustrations, by Alfred Crowquill.

"FANTASY AND PASSION," Mr. Edgar Fawcett's volume of poems, will be published in a small volume by Roberts Brothers early in March. Mr. Fawcett has of late years been so generous a contributor to magazines and literary journals that his name must be familiar to a large circle. His poems, so aptly described by the name chosen for his volume, will doubtless find an appreciative reading among multitudes of young people.

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E. P. DUTTON & Co., having arranged with Messrs. Macmillan & Co. for the American market, are issuing their edition of Canon Farrar's book, "Eternal Hope," noticed elsewhere, which contains the germ of the present discussion on future punishment, in neat shape, at the very low price of a dollar. If it sells to a tenth of the people who have been started through its influence into the endless discussion of this subject, it will have an astonishing sale. Dr. Farrar's complete and exhaustive work on "Language" is already out in England, and will be published by E. P. Dutton & Co. shortly.

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ROBERTS BROTHERS have in preparation the translation of "The Bible for Young People," by Prof. Oort, of Amsterdam, and Dr. Hooykaas, of Rotterdam, spoken of some time since. It will comprise three crown octavo or large duodecimo volumes, two being devoted to the Old Testament and one to the New. The first volume will include the Introduction, and from Moses to David; and will appear perhaps about the 10th of March. This work has attracted marked attention in England for its freshness, and the skill with which it tells the Bible story so as to separate the historical from what the authors regard as the mythical elements, and to make the whole clear and interesting to young folks. There are unquestionably many in this country who will welcome the work with eager expectations.

CLAXTON, REMSEN & HAFFELFINGER will have ready in a few days two new volumes. The Rev. R. W. Memminger, while sojourning during a summer vacation among the mountains of North Carolina, conceived the idea of writing a series of essays which he calls the "Reflections of a Recluse." The papers are, "The Great, its Philosophy," "Self-Culture," "The Art of Thinking," "Last Words." The style is said to be very entertaining, and is any thing but dry. Thomas G. Gentry, of Germantown, has prepared an interesting monograph upon the sparrow, called "The House Sparrow at Home and Abroad." Besides this it has material for a bibliography of house sparrows, from the year 1400 to 1878, which will be of great interest. Mr. Gentry is favorably known as the author of "Life Histories of Birds of Eastern Pennsylvania."

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March 11th.—Miscellaneous Books. Bangs.

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Account (315) of the Patent Office Fire. 8°, pap., 50 c. *A. Williams.*

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Adams, H. (314), New England Federalism. 8°, $4. *Little, B. & Co.*

Adams, W. D. (314), Dictionary of English Literature. 4°, $4 ... *Cassell, P. & G.*

Adams, W. H. (312), The Seven Words from the Cross. 12°, $1 ... *Lothrop.*

Addison, J. *See* Select British Essayists.

Æsop, Geo. W. (312), Out of the World. Fables. Sq. 16°, bds., 50 c ... "*The World*" *Office.*

Albrook, J. B. (315), The Assembly of the North-West. Sketches of S. S. Assembly of the N. W., at Clear Lake, Iowa, Aug. and Sept., 1877. 16°, 75 c.; pap., 50 c. *Fairbanks.*

Album Leaves. *See* Houghton, G.

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Alexander, W. (318), Laws of Texas on Conveyancing and Registration. 8°, shp., $5; pap., $4 ... *Nagle.*

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BOOK TRADE MUTUAL INSURANCE.

THE letters which have appeared in the WEEKLY show a general interest in the proposed organization of a mutual insurance or benefit association among clerks and others connected with the book and stationery trades. Those from Mr. Swayne and Mr. Powers, in another column, present two views of the subject which should equally be taken into consideration. The main question is, of course, whether such an organization would be, on the whole, more satisfactory in its workings and results than the existing general companies.

The strong point in favor of a mutual benefit organization among members of a trade is that its members are already bound together in natural association, and that each may be expected to take a personal interest in the common good. By virtue of this personal interest, many would be induced to become partakers of the benefits of insurance who might not avail themselves of existing opportunities. It is also supposed that with simple machinery taking the place of the complicated organism of the great companies, there is less cost for management, greater assurance of honesty, and more surety of return.

This last involves a fallacy which has been the ruin of many mutual benefit associations, and which must be carefully considered. The great companies show an immense aggregate of expenses, but the expense per policy is, in the nature of things, less and less the more policies there are to share the absolutely necessary expenditures. The big salaries of Mr. Winston and Mr. Hyde, together with those of the vast array of other officials and the staff of clerks may amount to less per policy than the $500 total paid for management by a little mutual benefit association. The outlay for actuary tables seems enormous, but the smallest insurance organization must go to the dogs unless it is founded on accurate tables of mortality carefully adjusted to its membership. And if it be said that in a mutual benefit association this labor will be volunteered, it must be answered that here, as everywhere, amateur labor cannot be depended on to the exclusion of professional. In other words, if a mutual benefit association is not carefully based and well conducted, it will soon be found that its workings are not satisfactory; the members with best expectations of life will find that their assessments come to more than regular premiums would cost them, and by and by those who have paid most money to others are left with nobody to pay money for them.

We do not mean to oppose the proposed association; we do mean to point out that there must be a solid and lasting foundation for it. That the insurance clerks themselves have found it profitable to join in such an association is a good argument for them in general; and, as we have reason to know, their organization furnishes an excellent model. In the first place, there must be the usual medical examination; if the association is permitted to be a place of refuge for impaired lives that the companies would not accept, that would be very unjust to the younger and healthier members. Next, the working officer must be a thoroughly capable man, who will give sufficient attention to the association to keep its affairs straight. It is his business to see, first, in justice to those who have invested to the extent of their assessments, that the membership is kept up; secondly, that on each death the dollar, if that be the rate, be collected promptly from each member, and properly paid out. It is found wise always to have one assessment ahead paid up, so that the total may be paid promptly on death.

The main difficulty, after these conditions have been fulfilled, is in the event of frequent deaths among the membership within a given time. The dollar, unexpectedly required again and again, then counts up to more than the regular premium of the companies, and comes the harder because no provision has been made for it. Members begin to drop out, preferring to give up what they have already paid than to take further chances—there is not even the "surrender value" of regular policies to console them—and those who are left are left without recourse. The association is then dissolved, and the only beneficiaries are those who were far-sighted enough to die early in its history.

We insist, then, that any attempt to start a mutual benefit association in the trade should look very carefully into these difficulties. But

an organization which should avoid these difficulties would be of undoubted benefit. As a practical matter, we suggest that all members of the trade interested in forming such an association, under proper conditions, should send in their names (without any pledges) to Mr. Swayne, care of E. P. Dutton & Co., 713 Broadway, New York, or to Mr. A. J. Bicknell, 27 Warren St., and that from them there be selected a committee of five, who shall look carefully into the whole matter, and present a report to the trade.

THE Wood tariff bill is much in need of friends. It suits nobody. We give elsewhere one or two points in evidence of this. It seems impossible that it should even be presented to Congress in its present shape, and improbable that any bill will pass this session.

THE POSTAL BILL.

As much confusion has arisen in regard to the present reading of the new Postal Bill, we give it in full, by the courtesy of Judge Bissell, as the Committees of Congress will act upon it. This draft includes the New York, Philadelphia, and Boston emendations, so far as accepted by the Department, with one or two additional points.

A BILL

PROVIDING FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF MAIL MATTER AND RATES OF POSTAGE THEREON.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That mailable matter shall be divided into four classes:—

First, written matter;

Second, periodical publications under registration;

Third, all printed matter not contained in the second class;

Fourth, merchandise.

SEC. 2. That mailable matter of the first class shall embrace letters, postal cards, and all matter wholly or partly in writing, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. That on mailable matter of the first class, except postal cards and letters commonly known as drop or local letters, delivered through the post-office or its carriers, postage shall be prepaid at the rate of three cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof. Postal cards shall be transmitted through the mails at a postage charge of one cent each, including the cost of manufacture. Letters commonly known as drop or local letters delivered through the post-office or its carriers, shall be charged with postage at the rate of two cents where the system of free delivery is established, and one cent where such system is not established, for each half ounce or fraction thereof, which shall in each case be prepaid by stamps affixed.

SEC. 4. That mailable matter of the second class shall embrace all newspapers and other periodical publications, which are issued at stated intervals, and as frequently as four times a year, and which have been duly registered as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 5. That publishers of mail-matter of the second class who may desire to have their publications transmitted through the mails at the registered rate of postage, shall submit the same to the postmaster at the place of publication under such regulations as the Postmaster-General may prescribe, together with the fee required for registration, which is hereby declared to be one dollar per annum, payable at time of registration, and on or before the first day of January for the ensuing year thereafter. The publication thus submitted shall be examined, under such regulations as shall enable the postmaster to ascertain its true character, and, if found to be within the conditions named in section nine, a certificate of registration shall thereupon be issued to the publisher, and the postmaster at the place where such publication is published shall place a duplicate of the same on file in his office, and shall renew the said certificate on its expiration, in the absence of reason to the contrary. A duplicate of such certificate shall also be filed in the Post-Office Department. A temporary permit may be granted to a publication about to be issued when a written statement shall be furnished to the postmaster, accompanied by an affidavit from the person intending to publish the same that it will comply with the conditions named in section nine, and that he will submit the first issue of his publication for examination, as in this section provided. Publications thus registered, or to which a temporary permit has been granted, when sent by the publisher thereof, and from the office of publication, with the name of the person to whom such publication is sent written or printed thereon or upon the wrapper of the same, or from a news agency to subscribers thereof shall be entitled to transmission through the mails at the rate of two cents per pound or fraction thereof, such postage to be prepaid by a special adhesive stamp, in the same manner as now provided by law: *Provided, however*, That no publication shall pass through the mails at the registered rate unless a certificate of registration has been issued, or a temporary permit granted to it: *Provided, also*, That every publication admitted to the registered rate shall have printed upon each issue thereof the words "registered or temporary permit granted—as the case may be—for transmission in the mails," which words of registration or temporary permit shall be evidence to a postmaster at an office other than that of publication that the publication bearing them is entitled to transmission through the mail, at the registered rate, when presented by a news agent to be sent to regular subscribers only: *Provided, further*, That this section shall not take effect until two months from the passage of this act.

SEC. 6. That the certificate of registration granted as in the preceding section shall be revoked by the postmaster in case the publication shall have so changed its character as to make it no longer within the conditions named in section nine.

SEC. 7. That registered matter of the second class shall be examined at the office of mailing; and if found to contain matter which is subject to a higher rate of postage, such registered matter shall be charged with postage at

the rate to which the inclosed matter is subject: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed to prohibit the insertion in periodicals of advertisements printed separately, but attached permanently to the same.

SEC. 8. That any person who shall print, or cause to be printed, upon any issue of any publication, the words designated in section five, to which publication a certificate of registration or temporary permit has not been granted, or who shall submit, or cause to be submitted, any false evidence to the postmaster relative to the character of such publication, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and for every such offence shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred, nor more than five hundred dollars.

SEC. 9. That the conditions upon which a publication shall be admitted to the privilege of registration are as follows:

First, it must be regularly issued at stated intervals, and bear a date of issue, or be numbered consecutively.

Second, it must be issued from a known office of publication.

Third, it must be formed of printed paper sheets without board, cloth, leather, or other substantial binding such as distinguish printed books, for preservation, from periodical publications.

Fourth, It must be originated and published for the dissemination of information of a public character, or devoted to literature, the sciences, arts, or some special industry, and having a legitimate list of subscribers: *Provided, however*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to admit publications which, although issued in regular series or successive numbers, are but books or reprints of books, to the benefit of the privileged rate, whether printed in this country or abroad.

SEC. 10. That foreign newspapers and other periodicals of the same general character as those registered in the United States shall be registered under the direction of the Postmaster-General, on application of the publishers thereof or their agents, and when so registered, and not otherwise, may be transmitted through the mails at the same rates as if published in the United States.

SEC. 11. That the certificate of registration issued under the provisions of section five shall be substantially in the following form, to wit:

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, ———, 18—.

The —— —— (name of publication), published at ——— having been submitted to this office for examination, under the provisions of section five of the act of——, ——, has been examined and found to be within the intendment of section nine of the same act.

This certificate of registration is, therefore, this day issued to ————, which is hereby entitled to be transmitted through the mails, when properly prepaid and sent from the regular office of publication, or from a news agency to regular subscribers, at the rate of two cents for each pound or fraction thereof, for twelve months from this date unless sooner revoked.

— ———,
Postmaster.

SEC. 12. That publishers of registered matter of the second class may, without subjecting it to extra postage, fold within their regular issues a supplement; but in all cases the added matter must be germane to the publication which it supplements; that is to say, matter supplied in order to complete that to which it is added or supplemented, but omitted from the regular issue for want of space, time, or greater convenience. The supplement must in every case be issued with the publication, and must have the title and date of the publication which it supplements printed on its first page or cover.

SEC. 13. That on all mail matter of the third class, including books, transient newspapers and periodicals, circulars, and other matter wholly in print, except as hereinafter provided, proof-sheets, corrected proof-sheets, and manuscript copy accompanying the same, postage shall be paid at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fractional part thereof, and shall be prepaid by postage stamps affixed to said matter. All books admitted to the mails for conveyance therein under the provisions of the Postal Union Treaty may be delivered free from any customs duty.

SEC. 14. That the term "circular" is defined to be a printed letter, which, according to internal evidence, is being sent in identical terms to several persons. A circular shall not lose its character as such when the date and the name of the addressed and of the sender shall be therein written, nor by the correction of mere typographical errors in writing.

SEC. 15. That "printed matter" within the intendment of this act is defined to be the reproduction upon paper, by any process except that of handwriting, of any words, letters, characters, figures, or images, or of any combination thereof.

SEC. 16. That mailable matter of the fourth class shall embrace all matter not embraced in the first, second, or third classes, which is not in its form or nature liable to destroy, deface, or otherwise damage the contents of the mail bag, or harm the person of any one engaged in the postal service, and is not above the weight provided by law, which is hereby declared to be not exceeding four pounds for each package thereof, except for books and documents published or circulated by order of Congress, or official matter emanating from any of the departments of the Government: *Provided, however*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to permit liquids, poison, glass in any form, firearms, gunpowder, explosive articles or chemicals, or any material liable to sudden combustion, live animals, needles, razors, saws, scissors, or other sharp-pointed or edged instruments, paints, dry or moist, meat, fish, fruit or vegetables, paste, salves, or any greasy substance or compound, metallic substances, or articles having sharp points, angles, or edges, or matter specially declared nonmailable, under the provisions of section 3893 of the Revised Statutes as amended by the act of July, 12, 1876, matter appertaining to lotteries, gift concerts, or fraudulent schemes and devices to pass through the mails.

SEC. 17. That all matter of the fourth class shall be subject to examination and to a postage charge at the rate of one cent an ounce or fraction thereof, to be prepaid by stamps affixed. If any matter, excluded from the mails by the preceding section of this act, except that declared non-mailable by section 3893 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, shall by inadvertence reach the office of destination, postage at double letter rate shall be charged and collected thereon before delivery, the value of the postage stamps already affixed thereto to be deducted from said charge. All matter declared unmailable by section 3893 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, which shall reach the office of delivery, shall be held by the postmaster at

the said office, subject to the order of the Postmaster-General.

SEC. 18. That mailable matter of the second class shall contain no writing, print, mark, or sign thereon or therein in addition to the original print, except as herein provided, to wit, the name and address of the person to whom the matter shall be sent, and index figures of subscription book, either written or printed, the printed title and number of the publication, or publications, the printed name and address of the publisher or sender of the same, and written or printed words or figures, or both, indicating the date on which the subscription to such matter will end. Upon matter of the third class, or upon the wrapper enclosing the same, the sender may write or print his own name or address thereon, with the word "from" above and preceding the same, and in either case may make by the hand simple marks intended to designate a word or a passage of the text to which it is desired to call attention. There may be placed upon the cover or blank leaves of any book or of any printed matter of the third class, subject to the ordinary rate, a simple manuscript or printed dedication or inscription that does not partake of the nature of a personal correspondence. Upon any package of matter of the fourth class there may also be written or printed the number and names of the articles enclosed; and the sender thereof may write or print upon any such articles a mark, number, or letter for purpose of identification.

SEC. 19. That matter of the second, third, or fourth classes containing any writing or printing, other than indicated in the preceding section, or made in the manner other than therein indicated, shall not be delivered except upon the payment of postage for matter of the first class, deducting therefrom any amount which may have been prepaid by stamps affixed to such matter; and any person who shall conceal or enclose any matter of the first class in that of the second, third, or fourth classes, and deposit or cause the same to be deposited for conveyance by mail at a less rate than would be charged for the conveyance by mail of the matter concealed or enclosed if sent not so concealed or enclosed, shall, for every such offence, be liable to a penalty of ten dollars: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent publishers and dealers in registered matter of the second class from enclosing in their publications bills and receipts for subscriptions thereto, but such bills and receipts shall be in such form as to convey no other information than the name, location, and subscription price of the publication or publications to which they refer.

SEC. 20. That the Postmaster-General may prescribe, by regulation, the manner of wrapping and securing for the mails all packages of matter not charged with first-class postage, so that the contents of such packages may be easily withdrawn for examination from the wrappers or envelopes thereof, without breaking or destroying such wrappers or envelopes; and no package, the contents of which cannot be easily withdrawn for examination in consequence of being sealed by gum, wafer, sealing-wax, or postage stamps, or otherwise, shall pass in the mails, or be delivered at a less rate than for matter of the first class.

SEC. 21. That publications registered under the provisions of section five of this act, one copy to each actual subscriber residing within the county where the same are printed in whole or in part, and published, shall go free through the mails; but the same shall not be delivered at letter carrier offices, or distributed by carriers, unless postage is paid thereon as provided by section 3872 of the Revised Statutes: *Provided, however,* That such section is hereby amended by striking out the words "and circulars" wherever they occur therein.

SEC. 22. That postmasters shall, when required, certify to the deposit for mailing of letters or packets to be used or forming part of the records in legal proceedings, and shall in each case, before signing such certificate, require the payment of a fee of an amount equal to the postage charged on such letter or packet; and such fee shall be paid in postage stamps, to be affixed to such letter or packet, and cancelled by the postmaster before mailing.

SEC. 23. That all matter of the first-class deposited for mailing on which more than one full rate of postage is required, but which has been prepaid by but one full rate, may be withheld until the additional postage is paid when the sender of the same is known to the postmaster; but when such sender is not known, such matter shall be forwarded to its destination charged with the unpaid rate to be collected on delivery.

SEC. 24. That the Postmaster-General, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act may appoint a superintendent of mail classification, to be attached to the office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Post-Office Department, at a salary of two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, to be paid out of the fees derived from the registration of second-class matter, and may prescribe such regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, as shall be necessary to carry the same into effect.

SEC. 25. That section nine of an act approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and for other purposes," and all other laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

BUSINESS NOTES.

CARTHAGE, MO.—Matthews & Wickersham, booksellers, have sold out to A. E. Gregory, who will continue the business.

NEW YORK CITY.—John Pyne, the well-known bookseller, who for almost half a century has carried on business in Nassau Street, near Ann, is about to remove to 746 Broadway.

PEORIA, ILL.—Adair & Utley, booksellers, have dissolved partnership by mutual consent, W. R. Utley retiring. A. A. Adair and D. S. Brown have associated themselves, and will carry on the business of the old firm at the same place, 309 Main Street. Adair & Brown assume the liabilities of the firm just dissolved.

SACRAMENTO, CAL.—W. A. & H. S. Houghton have succeeded A. S. Hopkins, and will carry on a book and stationery business at 75 and 77 J Street. Publishers will oblige them by sending their latest catalogues.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A BOOK-TRADE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21, 1878.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

"EVER on the alert" in the interest of the book trade, the WEEKLY has introduced a subject which should attract the attention of the whole trade, more especially that portion known as the clerk or employé.

Messrs. Bicknell & Co.'s admirable letter suggests to the trade "the desirability of the organization of a Booksellers' and Publishers' Mutual Life Insurance Company." My idea has been for what might be known as a "Book-clerks' Mutual Benefit Association of New York City," making the limit of membership five hundred; and on the death of any member let there be an assessment on each surviving member, the amount thus realized to be paid at once to the assign or heirs of the deceased member. There need be no salaried officers, as there are no doubt many capable and willing men in the trade who, in their spare hours, would attend to the duties of secretary, and some one of our "worthy publishers" might be induced to act as treasurer. However, as suggestions are now in order, older and more experienced heads than mine will no doubt devise some feasible plan. But let us make a commencement, if on ever so small a scale, and half the victory is won.

Apropos of the subject, an example which came under the eye of the writer might serve to illustrate its benefits. A young relative of the writer's (an insurance clerk) became a member of the Insurance Clerks' Mutual Benefit Association, which is founded on the plan I have attempted to introduce. One year there had been a large number of deaths, and consequently a corresponding number of assessments, which caused the young man to send his resignation to the secretary, giving as his reason that there were a great many aged members, and that the mortality was principally confined to their ranks. He was prevailed upon, however, to continue his membership another year, little thinking that he would be the cause of the next assessment. Yet in a few short weeks the "darkness of death, like the evening twilight," came upon him, and the young went before the old. Within a week after his death his widowed mother received one thousand dollars from the association.

Very respectfully yours,
EDWARD C. SWAYNE.

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5 BEEKMAN ST., NEW YORK,
Feb. 20, 1878.

To the Editor of the Publishers' Weekly:

IN the matter of life insurances there is, I think, only one thing to be greatly desired beyond what is already afforded by the best of the life insurance companies, viz., liberty to stop without loss. Equity between members is pretty fully observed so long as they remain members; economy of administration, fairly; simplification of the terms has made a good deal of progress; while responsibility, stability, is, altogether assured, so far as it can be assured, in these companies. It would not be worth while, therefore, to set up a new company, trade or other, unless to secure an opportunity to insure one's life just so long as one desired, and no longer.

I will illustrate the practice of companies by two examples. I recently applied to the New England Life Insurance Company (one of the very best of companies) to surrender a policy. I was offered $250 in money, or a paid-up policy for $1000, and accepted the latter. I quote from it: "In consideration of $374.31," etc., etc.—*i.e.*, the policy was worth $374; in fact there is a little margin even on that figure, and the New England is one of the most liberal companies! I have $25,000 in the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. Last year, not liking the management, I applied to surrender. I had paid about $4000; my policy was worth about $3000; but not a dollar of it would be paid back, and I have no remedy.

This hold which the companies have on their members is an unnecessary hardship, and it enables managers in possession of a mutual company to snap their fingers at the whole body of policy-holders; for they never have combined, and they never will—not even to oust a fraudulent officer. If one does not like his bank, he may withdraw his account. It would be worth something to the world, as well as to one's self, to set up a company, in all other respects like our best life companies, but permitting members to withdraw on fair terms on fair notice. The undertaking, however, is not a light one. J. E. POWERS.

THE WOOD TARIFF BILL.

IN a letter to Joseph Wharton, Esq., chairman of a committee on the subject, Mr. Henry C. Lea, after arguing against the duty on rags, treated of in a recent editorial, says:

"The same inexplicable adverse discrimination is manifested with regard to the important interest of printing ink. This manufacture is already in a very depressed condition owing to the active domestic competition and the introduction of cheap German inks, so that it is now sold in this country cheaper than corresponding qualities in the London market, notwithstanding the existing duty of 35 per cent. As an unenumerated article in the proposed Tariff Bill it will be admitted free, while the linseed oil from which it is made is charged with the heavy duty of 15 cents per gallon, and linseed is subjected to 15 cents per bushel. Varnish, moreover, which is the principal ingredient of lithographic ink, is charged with 40 or 50 cents per gallon, according to quality. The effect of the bill, therefore, will be to destroy the manufacture of American printing inks and render us wholly dependent upon supplies from abroad, to the manifest detriment of all printers and publishers, whether of books or newspapers, as well as of the flax-grower, while the revenue will be diminished.

"Leather for binding offers another example of thoughtless adverse discrimination. Raw goat-skins, which are now free, are to be subjected to 20 per cent duty, while skins for morocco, tanned but not finished, are to be admitted at 5 per cent, and finished skins at 15 per cent. All hides and skins (other than goat-skins), moreover, which are now free, are to be charged with 10 per cent. Already some of the cheaper kinds of finished binders' leathers can now be imported to undersell the domestic product, and with this tax on the raw material our

manufacturers will be obliged to suspend operations, thus diminishing the home market of the grower of skins and forcing him to ship his product abroad at lower prices."

He proposes the following schedule:

"Paper and its materials, including bleaching salts, soda ash, and other drugs, *as at present.*

"Printing ink and its materials, linseed, linseed oil, varnish, etc., *as at present.*

"Binders' leathers, skins, etc., *as at present.*

"Books, instead of an ad valorem a specific rate, *which should be not less than* 25 *cents per pound.* Old books and one copy of books for institutions of learning, *free.*

"Stereotype and electrotype plates, *a specific rate of three-quarter cents per square inch.*

"Stereotype and electrotype casts of illustrations, 6 *cents per square inch.*"

THE newspaper publishers and the printers of San Francisco unite in a petition against the proposed high tax on type, which they ask all interested to peruse and sign. An accompanying circular says:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., February 8, 1878.

DEAR SIRS: We, the undersigned, publishers and printers of San Francisco, representing the printing interest of the Pacific coast, ask your immediate aid in a matter that is vital to every printer in the United States; namely, to defeat the proposed *New Tariff Bill* as far as it relates to type, upon which it is proposed to put a duty of fifteen cents per pound on news and book type, and thirty cents per pound on job and fancy type, which means prohibition pure and simple, and is certainly the result of a "job" on the part of the type ring, which must be defeated.

If it had not been for foreign competition, we should be paying the same rates *now* as were charged prior to 1873, when you will remember a reduction was made of 20 per cent on plain type. If the Type Founders' Association are successful in getting through their bill, there can be no reasonable doubt but that prices will be advanced to the old high rates again, to your and our disadvantage and their gain. If they do not contemplate doing this, why are they scheming to get a *prohibitory* duty put on? Please aid us in this matter by *signing the enclosed petition and forwarding the same to your Representative in Congress without delay*, and also by using any influence you may have in other ways, and by advocating the abolition of the duty upon type through your paper. If you will unite with us in the matter, we have no doubt that we shall be able to *have type on the free list* before Congress closes. As we intend publishing the opinions of the press from all parts of the United States on this most important subject in book form, and send a copy to every member of the House of Representatives and Senate, we have to request you to forward your paper with article on this question to "PRINTERS' COMMITTEE," P. O. Box, 1530, San Francisco.

ENGLAND exported in 1877 £896,319 worth of books, against £881,839 in 1876. France exported of books in the French language 14,268,250 francs worth in 1877 against 13,691,139 in 1876; and of those in foreign or dead languages 1,826,352 francs worth in 1877 as against 1,570,538 in 1876.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE HONORABLE MISS FERRARD, by the author of "Hogan, M.P." (Holt.) Ireland of this decade of the century is almost without a historian. The novelist eschews her emerald fields when seeking for "pastures new," and as it is from fiction we get contemporaneous history, we scarcely know how the Ireland of to-day differs from the Ireland Lever depicted. That it is still the land of romance and of beautiful scenery, of a strange and wayward people, ever agitating the old political issues, the present gifted writer fully demonstrates. The Ferrards seem to be a typical family of the old nobility, sunk in poverty, growing up in ignorance, and generally reckless, improvident, and defiant of the laws. The younger members furnish some of the best fighting material of the European armies, while the elders sink slowly but surely back to mother earth under the spell of native whiskey. "Miss Ferrard," a beautiful but ignorant young creature, grows up as wild and uncouth as any gypsy. Some English aunts send for her to Bath, and conscientiously endeavor to polish her up and educate her; but a few days are enough to sicken her with civilized life, and she finally runs away back to her tumble-down home, her outlaws of brothers, and her dogs and horses. Her love story is of course the principal theme, though the author is wide-awake to the present condition of the people and the soil. The descriptions are very graphic, and no doubt true. The story revolves around a young Englishman, who buys a country place near Darraghmore—Miss Ferrard's ancestral seat—and who would seem all along to hold the fate of himself and Miss Ferrard in his hands. That he acts for the best is a matter for conjecture. To sum up the book briefly, it is both strongly and beautifully written, remarkably original, and unusually fresh and tender. Leisure Hour Series. 16mo, cloth, $1.

BOURBON LILIES, by Lizzie W. Champney. (Lockwood, B. & Co.) The town of Ecouen, near Paris, haunted chiefly by artists and models, with its background of natural and artistic scenery, is the basis of this story. The heroes are two young artists, a Russian and an American, and they both fall in love with a girl with a Madonna face who poses for them. She is already betrothed to a young man in her own station of life, who, being of a jealous and passionate disposition, listens to village gossip that grows out of the girl's employment, and distrusting her, hangs himself in a fit of despair and rage. She then discovers that she loves the young American, Vandyke Brown, an honorable, warm-hearted young fellow, who refrains from telling his love, thinking his friend the Russian the favored one. The young girl goes to Paris, and is for a time lost sight of, and when finally discovered is found dying of fever and—love. The *dénouement* is a happy one all round, the Russian finding his mate in a spirited, witty American girl, who flits through most of the scenes, giving color and animation to them. The book is a very charming one. It is not made on any stereotyped model, nor does it deal exclusively with the story. It is full of artistic talk, and bears unmistakable evidence of the writer's cultivation and artistic predilections. Wayside Series. 16mo, cloth, $1.25.

MILLY'S WHIMS, by Joanna H. Mathews. (Carter.) Milly Winston was a little girl who always had a grievance, and who was always in the right. One may fancy she was not a very desirable companion at the best, and when her mother and father went off to Europe, for her mother's health, leaving her in her aunt's care, her tears and her whinings and complainings almost drove every one out of the house. Her conviction, too, that she could never go wrong led her into many scrapes, which had very serious consequences. Her grandmamma undertakes her discipline finally, and lets her reap many a hard lesson by giving her her own way. Milly lived in Glenwood, the scene of the other books of this series (Haps and Mishaps), and the little reader therefore is brought again in contact with Jessie and Joe Roberts, the Prunes, and the many other interesting characters which have figured in these very instructive and entertaining juveniles. 16mo, cloth, $1.25.

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THE EARLIER POEMS OF ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING. (Miller.) These poems, first published anonymously in 1826 and 1833, were never included in the collected works of the author. They have just been republished by subscription in England, and are now printed for the first time in America. The volume opens with "an Essay on Mind," a poem written in heroic verse, and extending over eighty-eight pages. It deals boldly with the greatest names in literature and science, such as Gibbon, Berkeley, Condillac, Plato, Bacon, Bolingbroke, and shows what the *Edinburgh Review* calls "the prococious audacity" of the writer. The balance of the book is made up of short poems, which are full of promise. The volume is an exceedingly interesting one as the first-fruits of one of England's greatest poets. 16mo, cloth, red-edges, $1.25.

PERSONAL NOTES.

MR. E. C. STEDMAN is just now engaged in preparing a selection from his poems for publication in England, and the selection will probably be issued also by his Boston publishers.

LEE & SHEPARD have engaged Mr. Samuel Carson as travelling salesman and general representative through the West, with head-quarters at Chicago. Mr. C. will make the usual trip to San Francisco with a few other lines in connection with Lee & Shepard's.

HOUGHTON, OSGOOD & CO. are busily engaged in organizing their establishment, and most of the persons representing special departments in both houses will be retained in the employment of the new firm. One of these gentlemen, though in no sense a partner, has been so long connected with Osgood & Co., and has done so much to give position and character to the literary interests of the house, that his retention is not only a matter of course but a matter of general interest to the book trade and to all literary people. Few have had any thing to do with the late house of Osgood & Co. who have not made the acquaintance of Mr. A. Smith, who superintends the publication department. He is not better known for his unvarying courtesy and good sense than for his fine literary taste and natural instinct for business. Osgood & Co.'s *Descriptive Catalogue*, which is much more than a publisher's list of books, and is specially worth the book-buyer's attention, is one among many of the things which he has modestly done. The new house has shown excellent judgment in retaining Mr. Smith and in arranging to bring him into still closer contact with the reading public.—*New York World.*

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

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PROF. F. J. CHILD, of Harvard, has been getting into form a new edition of his "English and Scotch Ballads," and hopes to be able to begin the printing of it next year.

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SOME *announcements* of the *Metric Bureau*, Boston, appeared in the advertising columns of our recent Educational number through mistake. Several of the publications in question are not yet ready; and the *Bureau* also wishes it to be understood that as it is not a money-making but a philanthropic institution, it does not advertise.

MR. STEIGER'S promised "Guide to American Literature," which is to be a selected list of American publications, with expository notices for the guidance of book-buyers, will be awaited with interest. His projects of an Educational Directory and a general catalogue of works in all languages on education and philology are of great importance.

A. D. F. RANDOLPH & Co. have just issued the fifteenth thousand edition of "Royal Commandments," a little volume of "daily thoughts" suitable for the Lenten season. It comprises two separate works of Miss Frances Ridley Havergal, "Morning Thoughts for the King's Servants" and "Royal Bounty; or, Evening Thoughts for the King's Guests."

THE first fasciculus of Professor Kiepert's "Hand-book of Ancient Geography," containing the introduction, Asia and Africa, is just ready abroad. The second part, which will contain Europe, the indexes, and the preface, will be out toward Easter. The importance of the book lies chiefly in its giving the results of discoveries since Forbiger's time, who published his book in 1842.

THE batch of books just sent out by Macmillan & Co. contains perhaps the most important lines sent out together this season—the final volume of Prof. Stubb's "Constitutional History of England," a great standard work; the fourth and fifth volumes of Masson's "Milton and His Times;" M. de Laveleye's important work on "Primitive Property;" and some volumes of lesser moment.

EIGHT of the electros of the cuts in Dr. Macduff's "Brighter than the Sun" are missing from the store of Messrs. Robert Carter & Bros. It is supposed that they were taken away by oversight with a package of books, and the house request us to state that they would be obliged to the trade for any information which will lead to their recovery. It is not impossible that some traveller or city salesman may have packed them away with his samples, "unbeknownst."

MACMILLAN & Co. issue, in the historian Freeman's "Historical Course for Schools," a seventh volume on "European Colonies," by E. J. Payne. This has not sufficient importance as a school-book here to be reprinted in Messrs. Holt's edition as the others have been, but, treating especially of the South American States, including Brazil, and of the island colonies, brings together facts in a department of history hitherto not easily accessible.

LEE & SHEPARD will publish some time this spring "A Consul Abroad," a little volume in which Mr. Luigi Monti, a Sicilian (the "Young Sicilian," who is one of the interlocutors in the first series of Longfellow's tales of a "Wayside Inn"), who was for fourteen years United States Consul at Palermo, describes the interesting and the ludicrous experience of consular life. It must not be supposed that Mr. Monti is writing history; he has merely grouped together the noteworthy incidents and observations that might fall within the official cognizance of many consuls, but very rarely could happen to any single one. His large experience and literary skill justify us in anticipating a book of real interest.

NOTICING as we did in our previous number "Pottery: How it is Made; its Shape and Decoration," by Geo. Ward Nichols, from advanced sheets, we were not able to speak of its binding, which most agreeably strikes our eye, as the work in its entirety now comes before us. The publishers, G. P. Putnam's Sons, are to be complimented for the unique designs of the covers, in which the present rage for the Japanesque is fully displayed. The binding is boards, white being the dominant color. On this delicate groundwork, grotesque figures in black, brown, and pale blue are combined in a very artistic and noticeable way. The leaves are red-edged. Another feature of the book we omitted mentioning in our notice is the extensive bibliography of standard works upon the ceramic art, which, however, is not as accurate in its transfer of titles as might be desired.

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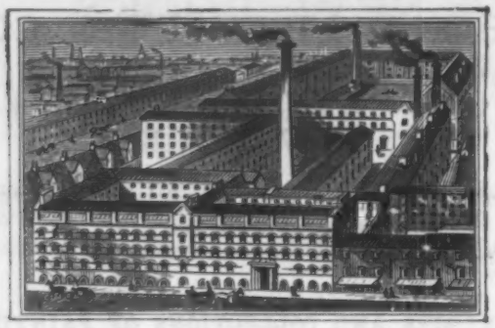

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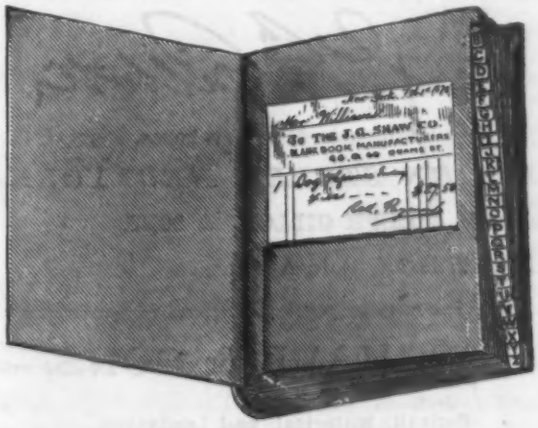

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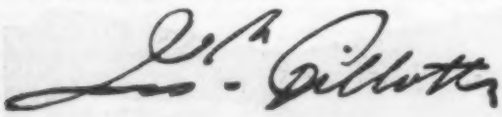

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